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Tuition up for 10th year

Tuition and fees up 6.05 percent from last year; total cost up 72.4 percent over last decade

By ALAN SIMMER
Assistant News Editor

A 6.05 percent increase in tuition and fees for the 2006-07 school year was announced in a letter by President Jack Ohle sent out to parents today. Also announced was a 9 percent increase in the amount of merit-based scholarships for incoming students and students in need of financial assistance.

The Board of Regents approved the increases at the annual winter meeting in Florida last week.

Tuition alone increased by $1,480 to $21,980, up from $20,500 this year. This is a 7.2 percent increase from last year. However, the technology fee has been added into tuition and will not be charged separately, according to Linda Moeller, director of Communication and Marketing.

"This will be at least one-half or one full percent under the national average of similar schools," Ohle wrote in the letter. "The increase was influenced to a large extent by a significant increase in the cost of health insurance benefits, rising energy rates and the substantial expenditures required for the campus technology that our students and academic programs demand."

Average room fees increased by $250 to $3,350, and the standard board plan went up $260 to $3,510. This is an 8.1 percent increase over last year's housing cost and an 8.0 percent increase in board costs.

The total cost of attending Wartburg next year will be $29,270. This is an increase of $1,780 or 6.5 percent over the 2005-06 cost of $27,480.

This is the 10th straight increase at Wartburg. The total cost of attendance was $16,975 for the 1996-97 school year. This amounts to an increase of 72.4 percent over the last decade.

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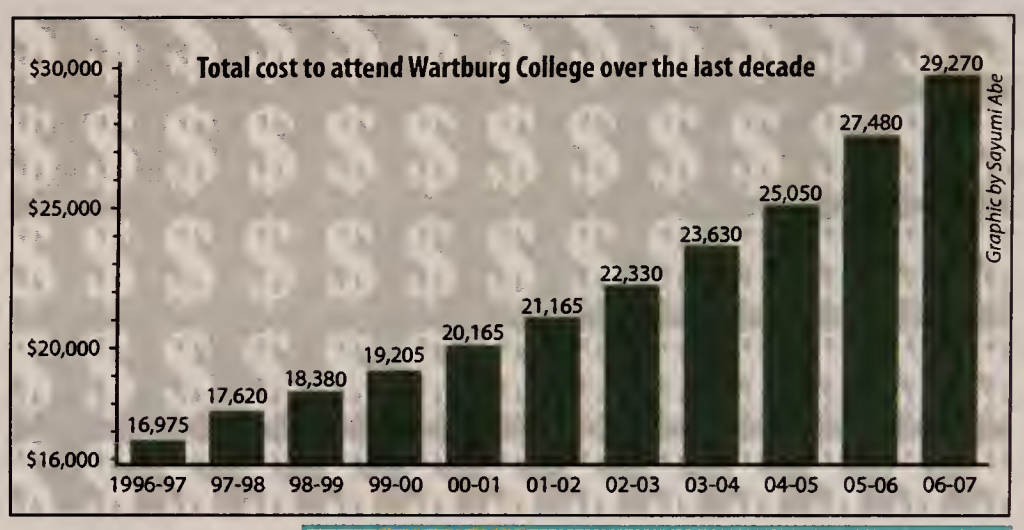

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*President Jack Ohle became the 15th Wartburg president in July 1998.

Severson resigns as coach

By AARON HAGEN
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An era of excellence ended Thursday when Monica Severson, Wartburg College's longest tenured coach, officially ended her reign at the helm of the women's basketball program after 18 years. This comes a month after she took a personal leave of absence from the team on Jan. 23.

Severson said she was disappointed with many rumors that circulated following her absence, including the idea that she was "forced out," which she said "is totally so far from the truth, it's unbelievable."

Monica Severson

"The reason that I took a leave of absence is [that] I ended up in the hospital because I had severe depression," Severson said.

She is now comfortable with telling others about her illness and wants them to understand the reasons behind her absence and subsequent resignation.

"I want to be able to express that's why I took the leave of absence, so that people know," Severson said. Severson said she was not embarrassed by the fact that she had a mental illness and "I'm working on getting better."

Battling depression, Severson was checked into a hospital for four days on Jan. 23 and continues to undergo rehab in an outpatient program.

"In reflecting, I think I've probably been struggling with this for a while," Severson said. "I would say over the last couple of years I've really had some things, personally as well as professionally, that have happened to me to get me into this position. I'm doing some things in terms of therapy and really working on self-care types of things. Looking back at it now, I probably had a lot of signs and symptoms that I didn't even realize."

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Roland Ferrie/*TRUMPET*

A portion of the AIDS Quilt was displayed last week in Neumann Auditorium as part of AIDS Awareness Week. The traveling quilt has squares remembering all those who have died from AIDS.

Senate Elections

Students vote for new execs

By ALAN SIMMER
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Juniors Eva Sersland and Jon Palmquist are the new student body president and vice president. They will join junior Amanda Pullin, recorder, and junior Brian Borchers, treasurer, as the new executive team.

Sersland and Palmquist defeated juniors Erin Moran and Erin Wright in Tuesday's runoff by a margin of 134 votes, 482 to 348.

Borchers won over freshman Jodi Kempel by just 33 votes, 413 to 380. Pullin garnered an unopposed win in the general election on Tuesday, Feb. 14.

Out of the 1,707 students at Wartburg, 48.6 percent voted in the presidential runoff. Only 46.6 percent voted for the treasurer.

The new executive team will take office in May Term to learn from the current exec team.

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Ensure all votes count

By DAVID KORDAHL
Columnist

Now that we have an official winner for the presidential elections (congrats, Eva and Jon), I must admit a misgiving that I had while voting. I knew the way the system would work—that the most-voted-for pairs would advance to a run-off round—and this knowledge made me consider my options carefully.

When it came time to vote, though, the game seemed unnervingly confusing. I had been waffling for some time between the E-squared and Harken/Benson tickets. I had met the members of both pairs, and it seemed that either duo would complement the campus dynamic.

Staring at my computer screen, eVote's active window impassively gazed back. I mentally listed the people with whom I had discussed the election. It seemed that more people at my lunch tables had preferred E-squared, so I clicked their little dot, confirmed that this was indeed my choice, and the duty was complete.

The next day, I checked my inbox for results. E-squared was in the top two, but Harken/Benson was flushed out of the race. Harken/Benson came in dead last, with 22.92 percent. I felt a momentary guilt pang; Eric Benson, after all, had talked to me personally. But then I saw the thing about the election that was truly bizarre. The top vote getters, Eva and Jon, had 26.66 percent of the vote—less than 4 percent greater than Harken/Benson, the lowest ranked.

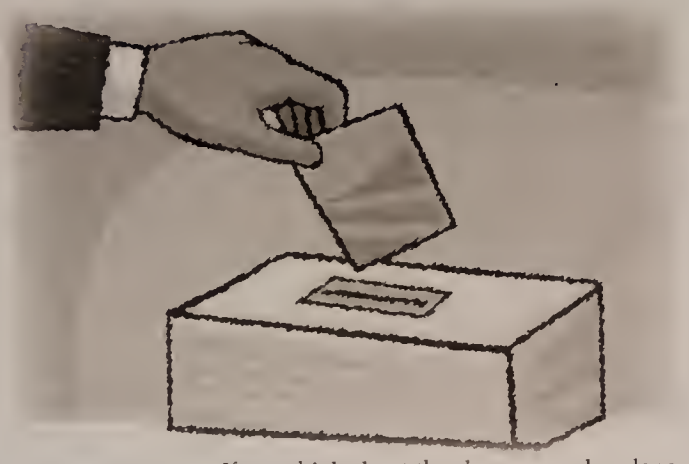
Essentially, this was a four-party tie, but, as eVote does not currently have any fancier way of ranking candidates, the show continued on as planned. Kempel/Kuhens and Harken/Benson were kicked off election island, despite both running admirable campaigns. Eva and Jon and E-squared were left to battle, and Eva and Jon won, fair and square.

This election is finished, but might there be a better way for future elections to be performed?

I decided to ask around. Dr. Mariah Bergen, one of Wartburg's math faculty members, has done some recent research on the topic of voting theory.

"Elections are a subject for manipulation," she told me, "especially when it's as close as it was this time." In cases with multiple parties like this one, she recommended that voting be done using a Borda count.

Before I explain what a Borda count is, let me talk for a moment. Why are multi-party elections so easily manipulated? Well, take, for example, last election's Harken/Bensonites. Because they were not a part of the 53.09 percent that originally voted for E-squared or Eva and Jon, their votes counted as votes for nothing. As good members of a democracy, we agree that non-counted votes are no good. So imagine a party system where each voter ranks his or her choices for the winner. Once the Harken/Benson votes were counted as non-contributing, the votes would be shuffled around to the voters' second choice. The next time, with only three contributing parties, a similar procedure could be accomplished, until every person's vote contributed to the final outcome.



If you think about the above procedure long enough, some troubling outcomes will occur. A Borda count would clear up some of these problems. In a BC election, each voter will rank his or her choices in order of preference. Then, a point value is assigned to each rank in ascending order. For example, in my case, E-squared would get four points, and Harken/Benson would get three points. To get final values, each candidate's points are added, and the candidate with the highest score wins.

Using a Borda count election procedure would clear both the need for a re-vote (a re-vote introduces even more uncertainties into an already muddy picture), and in almost all cases it is the optimal way to determine a winner. I have heard rumors and stirrings that eVote may implement some changes in the next year. It seems to me that allowing a voting system with rankings would better ensure that each vote will count.

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Letters to the Editor

In response to Corey Helland's column:

I found a parallel in your article that you might not have intended. You've never heard of Honor Council because we lack "real power," and our only power is recommendation. You might as well set your sights on Student Senate for they fall into that same "powerless" category. I would think you would realize the administration is the only group on campus that has any "real power," and all student organizations fall under the powerless umbrella of recommendation.

Your unawareness of our group is not because of our lack of effort. Last semester the Honor Council hung posters reminding students not to cheat. We have also hosted a bulletin board in the Student Center informing the student body about our group. Each year at the knighting ceremony the message given by the academic ombudsperson focuses on Honor Council and the Honor Code. We have a Web page on the Wartburg Web site about the Honor Code and Honor Council. Working in the library, you also should see the Honor Book on display brought to students by our group. Maybe you only saw our brochure hidden in the Student Senate office, but that brochure gets placed in each freshman student's orientation packet.

Students as well as faculty can refer cases to Honor Council at any time. Honor Council is an important group. You may think we have little power, but we try to put that power to good use.

Sincerely,
Becky Townsley
4-year Honor Council member

To the Editor:

As a senior music education major and Symphonic Band president, I am very disappointed by the lack of display for the music department in the Fortress and Trumpet. There are at least 13 musical ensembles that rehearse up to five times a week for the entire academic year, and involve approximately one third of the student body. One would think there would be a little more recognition given to such a large part of Wartburg College.

I realize that there are not large ensemble concerts every weekend for the Trumpet staff to write about. However, there are constantly recitals and other individual achievements. I am not asking for three pages like the regular sports section, but how about a list of the different activities going on in the music department each week?

As a side note, you may want to reread your objectives before you put the next paper to print.

To the Fortress staff, I do not believe it would be difficult to contact one person involved in every ensemble for information or pictures. In fact, I can be your contact person, and connect you to the respective ensembles. Everyone deserves credit for his or her involvements at Wartburg.

I do appreciate the changes that have been made throughout my four years at Wartburg, but I am also well aware there is a lot more to change in order to truly represent Wartburg College.

Sincerely,
Meredith Warren '06

Editor's Note: The Trumpet and Fortress remain committed to covering all campus organizations, including those within the music department. In order to provide fair and comprehensive coverage within our space limitations, we are not able to cover every organization every week. We have, however, included Wartburg music-related stories in more than half of our issues this year. The Fortress has also contacted all organizations to arrange group photos.

Passion can make the U.S. stronger

By JON PALMQUIST
Columnist

In the last few weeks the world has seen an outcry of violence, rioting and protesting by Islamic extremists. All the uprisings were as a result of some seemingly simple cartoons.

To Americans and most of the rest of the world, all the excitement over the cartoons seems to be over-the-top and unnecessary. What is clear, though, is that extremists who are riled up over these cartoons have a great passion for what they believe, so much so they are willing to die for the cause.

The stories of the rioting and violence are something that Americans find very foreign and threatening. The mere thought of such an outcry in a U.S. city pulls at the very underpinnings of our society. We value the right to publish freely and to think freely and in general to live in freedom. Americans live a life that is in large part filled with comfort. Imagining a life without these freedoms and comforts is something that most Americans cannot fathom.

Each of these cases of extreme zealousness and passion scares Americans who live with relative comfort and peace. Threats to the base of the American society make people wonder whether this could happen here and what the consequences are if it were to happen. Americans typically do not act in this manner, resorting to violence in reaction to disagreement; this behavior is shocking and appalling. It would be very shocking if a group of Americans got riled in response to some remarks or comments of others and reacted the same way.

As Americans it is very common to comment and complain in response to disagreement. I do it well in this column, but few find motivation to actually take action. Taking action for a set of beliefs does not imply the violence. The usual response to many upsetting and unsettling events in the U.S. is public outcry and commentary from the politically correct. Typically the politically correct proclaim there is one proper response to something and anybody who does not follow the chosen path is labeled as insensitive, anti-freedom, unpatriotic, etc.—labels which fall on both liberals and conservatives.

Instead of the common labeling and bickering, Americans need to turn off their TVs and go search for the solution to problems themselves. Violence, outcry, big government and new spending packages will not solve the world's ills. Complaining and whining doesn't work either. What solves problems is personal relationships between people, compromise, hard work and passion for people, not just a cause alone.

The lesson to be learned is not the violence or aggression, witnessed in the actions of the extremists, but rather the passion. If Americans became passionate about things as simple as cartoons in newspapers many problems could be solved. Passionate Americans can stand for freedom and live without the fear of terrorism. Passionate Americans can make our free nation stronger and be a positive influence in the world.

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Back same-sex adoption

By JESSI LeCLEAR
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According to Tuesday's issue of USA Today, various groups within 16 different states are attempting to push legislation in November's election that would ban adoption by homosexual individuals and partners.

Adherents to the ban have cleverly masked their deliberate attack against this minority group as a fight for the safety of adopted children. They make various claims as to why homosexuals are unfit to take parental roles.

However, the vast majority of their arguments are religious versus ethical and tend to stray away from the matter at hand. What exactly is the matter at hand? Finding and securing safe, loving and stable homes for children who are lacking such a haven.

In 2004, 11 states officially defined marriage as a union between a man and a woman. Now, many proponents of this definition of holy matrimony are also making the claim that such a union should be the head of all families, including those that choose to adopt. Such a proposition, however, devalues all the families out there that are headed by a single parent, heterosexual or homosexual.

Clarissa Mathews, a freshman from Orange County, Calif., is one of nine adopted children in a household headed by a single mother. When asked about the current activity to enact a ban on homosexual adoption, she replied, "It angers me. There is a potential for thousands of homes for these children. In Orange County alone, there are 300,000 kids who don't have homes.... Why not put them where they'll be loved and taken care of?"

The American dream-like concept of a household assumes that a family ought to be headed by a mother and a father. The nuclear family, however, is no longer a reality within American society. Every day, single parents run successful homes.

Not only do these groups argue that families should be headed by two parents, but they also propose that heterosexual couples provide the best family environment. However, multiple studies have been done that would say the opposite.

The American Academy of Pediatrics published a report in 2002 that stated, "Not a single study has found children of gay or lesbian parents to be disadvantaged in any significant respect relative to children of heterosexual parents.

"Indeed, the evidence to date suggests that home environments provided by gay and lesbian parents are as likely as those provided by heterosexual parents to support and enable children's psychosocial growth." Thus, the sexuality of parents should not be a factor when placing children in homes.

There are also those that would assert that children growing up in homosexual homes are more likely to be teased and tormented by outsiders, children and adults alike. However, children will always find a reason to ridicule their peers. Besides, it is bullying that is the problem, not how one identifies oneself. The only way to battle such harassment is not to change the victims, but the perpetrators. The number of individuals that "come out" each year is increasing, and with that, an increasing acceptance of the way they identify themselves. Children growing up in a home led by a homosexual individual or couple would have the upper hand in building relationships with diverse peoples, an advantage that could only help them in the future.

> "The issue of adoption should have nothing to do with the sexual orientation of an individual or couple.... This is instead an issue about adopting children and giving them a safe and loving environment."

Unfortunately, when people like to take up a cause, they ignore the very center of the problem. The issue of adoption should have nothing to do with the sexual orientation of an individual or couple.

Just as the sex lives of heterosexual couples are kept private, so also are the personal relationships between homosexuals. This is instead an issue about adopting children and giving them a safe and loving environment.

The people behind the ban have lost this focus and have moved to attack the LGBT community in general. "[The ban against homosexual adoption] is about people's prejudices," says Mathews. "It's not about the children at all."

Jen Wendland contributed to this column.

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Want respect? Use the instant power of a suit

By COREY HELLAND
Columnist

Knight Writer

I'm a T-shirt and jeans kind of guy. You look in my closet and you'll see plenty of dress clothes but just as many orange and black shirts from four years of various Wartburg events. Just to mix things up, I'll occasionally throw in a hooded sweatshirt, but not too often.

Many college students are like this. Sweats and stocking caps are also popular. It's really all about being comfortable while at class and while studying, especially if it is a day where a test or a paper is due. It's a way of life, and it's accepted by all and that's OK.

A couple of weeks ago, however, I decided to shed my T-shirt, jeans and even my yellow stocking cap in order to don my best suit. I didn't have a presentation. I didn't have an interview. I didn't have any reason to dress up, except to enjoy the reactions of others.

The feedback I received while walking through the skywalks and hallways wasn't like anything I'd experienced before. Nearly every person I passed smiled and said hello. Students I didn't even know commented on my dress. Faculty came out of the woodwork to greet me. And every single person wanted to know why I was wearing a suit and tie—what made that day different from the others.

Nobody would accept that I was dressed up just to dress up. Surely no students would subject themselves to the uncomfortability of a suit for an entire day, for no reason at all. It's asinine. It's preposterous. But it's what I did.

This week-long social experiment unfortunately proves that the looks do make the man or woman. As much as we would all like to think that the appearance of someone doesn't matter, it still does. The connotations of a suit are much more positive than jeans.

A suit means business. It means maturity. It means elegance and grace. It demands respect and receives it. A suit has the power to save face—you might not know what you're talking about, but at least you look good.

If you're having a bad day or expecting to have a bad week, dress up. Wear your best suit or skirt or outfit. I give you my personal guarantee that the smiles you receive will brighten your day. It's a confidence booster, especially if you're trying to impress a certain somebody.

Instant respect—that's the power of a suit.

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How do we define what's good?

By JAKE HIGH
Columnist

"Be good for goodness' sake." Then be bad for badness' sake as well, no? Goodness is now something intrinsically valuable.

I'm sorry, I must have missed that memo, but since when is heads superior to tails simply because? Good/bad, light/dark, paper/plastic; each set comes down to one coin with two sides. So is the logic then that good is not one side of a coin, but a divine, independent ideal? False! A summation of said argument must include the notion that "good is good because it's good and that's good because bad is bad" or something to that effect.

It is seen here that proof has not been given. Nothing can be defined by using itself. Good then becomes an ideal, something striven for. "Be good because you should be," but still not for its own sake. Good is the spring from which every positive externality is created while remaining essentially benign. Sunsets are good because they're pretty, romantic, cosmically significant.

Love is good because it can unite people; it can save peoples' lives. But in the same way, death is good because it rids society of useless appendages, creates more space and serves as a gateway to God's love.

I take nothing away from any of my examples or from the notion of good itself. They're all incredibly important and, for lack of a better word, good societal tools and functions.

To put it simply: there is nothing, or at best very little, that is intrinsically good. Life, as far as I can see, seems to be the only thing containing this ever-elusive version of good. It's just good because it's good until some alien race elects to render it useless and valueless, in which case there will be absolutely nothing intrinsically good left.

We've got the good things: puppy dogs, babies, love, life and those people who actually hold the door for you. We've made them good because of what they do and there's nothing wrong with that. It's just a simple fact that very little is actually "good for goodness' sake." Perhaps the previous statement "Be bad for badness' sake" may seem slightly appealing, but I must say that in a social context you simply need to be good. Goodness, values, norms and positive energy makes the communal world go round. If everyone acted "bad" then very little would be accomplished.

Nevertheless, to be good for its own sake is not an accurate illustration of what the function and meaning of good is. As with all subjective ideals, good will differ from culture to culture, but its purpose, to foster beneficial attitudes and results, is universal.

In summation, goodness isn't an object to be pointed to as a stationary notion; it is, in fact, an elusive, malleable function of the human desire for order and structure.

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- Due to the construction of the wellness center, students in B-lot now have to walk farther than freshmen walk to D-lot.
- The Den should be open longer on Saturday and earlier on Sunday.
- Thanks to Monica Severson for her dedication as the women's basketball coach over the past 18 years.
- Why does Luther Hall smell funny?

Write to trumpet@wartburg.edu to contribute to Blow Your Horn.

Guide to the Op/Ed Page

The Op/Ed page of the Wartburg Trumpet is a community forum. It is a place where people can share their opinions on current issues. This page is also the place where the Trumpet editorial board expresses its opinion in the form of staff editorials.

The Trumpet encourages submissions in the form of Letters to the Editor. Letters are limited to 250 words and must be labeled as a Letter to the Editor.

Readers are also encouraged to contribute short comments and opinions to Blow Your Horn. Guest columns may also be submitted for consideration.

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Computers to replace darkroom

By KACI HANSON
Assistant News Editor

A new computer lab will be a sight for sore eyes for many Wartburg students, drawing them out of the darkroom and onto a computer screen.

Funds have been approved to replace the current photography darkroom in the basement of the Communication Arts Center with a new computer lab, complete with 20 new iMac computers, an Epson printer and a video projection system. The room will be shared between the art and communication arts departments and will serve as both a lab and a classroom.

The new iMacs will all have flat LCD screens, causing less eyestrain than the current CRT monitors in the F. R. Woodward Journalism Laboratory (J-Lab). Intel chips will have the iMacs running two to three times faster than the current computers while generating less heat and power. The latest version of the Adobe Creative Suite, consisting of Photoshop, Illustrator and InDesign, will also be installed on every computer.

Upon the recommendation of the art and communication arts departments, new iMacs are also being considered to replace the six-year-old computers in the current J-Lab. If approved, the new computers will be purchased and installed this summer.

"I am not sure what will be done with the current computers if they are replaced," Matthew Wilson, assistant professor of art, said. "I have lots of ideas on how they could be utilized in interesting interactive ways by students in courses such as 'Computer Art' or 'Interactive Design'."

With the dismantling of the old photo darkroom comes the phasing out of film-based photography from the Wartburg curriculum. The recent popularity of digital cameras and high resolution ink jet printers will require students to become familiar with the necessary computer tools to create, adjust, edit, compose and print their photographs.

"By focusing on these new digital technologies, our students will be more prepared and competitive in the job market upon graduation," said Wilson.

Having a darkroom may not completely become a thing of the past.

Sarah Jones/*TRUMPET*

Professor Thomas Payne instructs freshman Brittany Suiter on an iMac in computer graphic design class.

According to art professor Thomas Payne, a small chemical darkroom is likely to remain for students who would like to process and print black and white film.

The new computer lab is intended to better accommodate the increase in the number of students interested in computer graphic design classes, combined with the need of journalism students, the Trumpet staff and other communication arts classes, which require extra hours in the J-Lab.

More access will be available on more computers at more flexible hours. No time will be wasted on dipping sheets of paper in chemicals for photographs, but instead students can easily edit and print photos using Photoshop and a second large format color printer.

Lastly, teachers will have more flexibility in scheduling classes that require a lab, allowing classes to be offered simultaneously during the day rather than having one at night.

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Commission Wartburg leaves lasting impact

By ALLISON SCHMIDT
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With the launch of Commission Wartburg in 1999, Wartburg's long-term strategic plan set out to create a framework for the future of the college.

The Commission looked at ways to improve all areas of the college, and by October 2000, the Board of Regents had outlined 266 recommendations in a list of "priorities for the future." Many of these goals have already been attained, impacting all areas of the college from academics to technology. This includes some of the following examples:

• Academic priorities placed an emphasis on improving academic quality by using an assessment program, measuring student-faculty ratio and reducing class sizes.

• To improve technology and constituent outreach, a "state-of-the-art Web site was developed to enhance the Web as a marketing tool and as a link to campus," as outlined in the Board's recommendations.

• The Discovering and Claiming Our Callings initiative, funded by a $2 million grant from the Lilly Endowment, has expanded opportunities in spiritual formation, student mentoring and vocational discernment, which has helped to reach a Commission goal of providing "relevant student experiences in faith, ethics and morality."

These examples are only a handful of the Commission's outcomes. Some of the most noticeable outcomes also include building and renovating buildings and facilities.

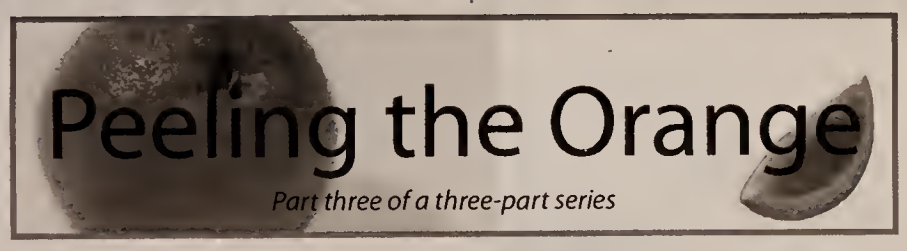
The renovation of the lower level of the Fine Arts Center was completed by fall 2001, followed by the completion of a new maintenance building in fall 2002.

A new campus entrance and student center were completed in fall 2004. A new Science Center was also finished and dedicated during Homecoming 2004, and according to a March 2005 Commission Wartburg progress report, "This new [Science Center] building and the equipment purchased for the building has allowed us to recruit some very fine faculty and over time we anticipate an increase in student enrollment as well."

The completion of Walston-Hoover Stadium and an NCAA-compliant outdoor track has also impacted the college. Athletic Director Rick Willis said the new facilities have improved the quality of experience for athletes and aided in the recruitment of athletes for both football and track and field.

As construction for the new wellness center begins, Willis thinks the facility "will have an even larger impact" because it will affect more of the college population, not just athletics.

"It will affect all of the athletic programs in some way or another, and it will be a tremendous facility for the student body as a whole," Willis said. "Not to mention, the partnership that it strengthens with the city of Waverly and the community."



The Commission's $88 million fundraising effort, Campaign Wartburg, has aided in funding these projects and is scheduled to end in October 2006. According to Wartburg College President Jack Ohle, the Campaign has also helped spark the development of a "philanthropic culture" at Wartburg.

"I believe that when we started Campaign Wartburg we had only had one gift to the college from one individual of $1 million or more," Ohle said. "We now have about 30-plus people who have made a gift of $1 million or more."

He said the largest single gift was $2.5 million.

"It's just a process of people understanding how significant their support can be for the advancement of an institution," Ohle said. "These enterprises are extremely important, and people who are engaged and involved in them, want to support that."

Ohle said engaging constituents has been the key to the Commission's success.

"If you look around the landscape of colleges and universities today, ... there is no institution today that is moving forward and having success that has not engaged all of its constituents," Ohle said. "If I would have sat down with the faculty council and with the Cabinet, we probably could have written within 90 percent every recommendation that was written by Commission Wartburg. ... It's not rocket science—it's pretty good stuff. The thing about it is there would have been no ownership, and a strategic plan must have ownership for fundraising and just the synergy that's created within the institution."

Though the fundraising campaign will end in October 2006, Ohle said Commission Wartburg as a whole will not conclude until October 2007.

When asked about the future of the college after the Commission, Ohle was hesitant to speculate.

"I really can't say, because there's going to be so many people that are going to be involved in that discussion," Ohle said. "Certainly the Board will ultimately be the group who will decide how the next planning process will be undertaken. Faculty will be involved; staff will be involved."

Ohle said the college will eventually "go through another process."

"I don't know what we're going to call it," he said.

Board of Regents President Fred Hagemann also envisions more fundraising efforts in the future.

"You never want to say that the current campaign is your last campaign," Hagemann said. "I think we all know that there will be other fundraising efforts. I'd like to get this one successfully wrapped up before we move on, and that is an ongoing, ever-changing mission that the Board has to review."

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Housing sign-up nears

By SARAH GUHL
News Editor

Student Senate and Residential Life will host a housing forum tonight at 7 p.m. in WBC 214 to explain the process of housing sign-up. Students can also now pay their $100 housing deposit in the Controller's office and pick up lottery numbers in the Res Life office.

"[Lottery numbers] are random within your class," Pete Armstrong, director of Res Life, said. "Seniors will always have a number that is better than someone classified as a junior. We just rely on whatever the Registrar's office has as a classification."

The only residence halls that require proposals this year are Lohe Hall and the Residence. Group proposals are due March 20 and groups should know if they've been accepted by March 29, in time to make other plans for housing.

Armstrong said samples of previously accepted proposals are available in both the Res Life office and at the reserve desk in the Library.

Those seniors interested in living in Knights Village will have a sign-up night at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, March 14 in WBC 116. Juniors may be allowed in, but that decision will be made after the sign-up night.

The regular sign-up sessions will begin on Tuesday, April 4, in Neumann Auditorium. The first night at 7 p.m. is reserved for those wanting a designated single room and those pairs or groups with lottery numbers between 1 and 999.

"So that as many students as possible have an opportunity to select a space, you may only indicate your roommate choice, not suitemates, except in some select spots. Suitemates can be indicated in Founders, Grossman and the Manors," according to this year's housing sign-up information handout.

Armstrong said that they have tried to set things up so people who "have some connection can sign up together."

At 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 5, roommates with an average lottery number of 1000-1499 can sign up. At 8:30 p.m. Thursday, April 6, those with an average lottery number of 1500-1999 have their night. Those students who wish to fill a room below its capacity can sign up in the Res Life office from 12-3 p.m. Friday, April 7.

Applications for off-campus housing are due in the Res Life office by this Wednesday.

No shortages of residential space are expected this year.

"Every student who wants a room on campus will get one," Armstrong said. "Not everyone will get his or her first choice. It's a good idea to plan for getting a second choice or third choice."

"The way the process works, it isn't always easy to tell how the room situation is going to be," freshman Jodi Kempel, Student Senate housing subcommittee member, said. "Res life does their best to make sure that everyone is in a room by releasing students to off-campus. It's always hard to judge how rooms will be with incoming freshmen."

There will also be waiting lists by building. Res Life will attempt to OK it if students are being moved, but an assumption is made that the student wants to live in that place if they've signed the waiting list.

There will also be new board options available. 2006-07 freshmen will be able to get either a full board plan or an 18-meal plan with $30 in points. Sophomores can also get a 15-meal plan with $100 in points, while juniors can also get a 12-meal plan with $175 in points and seniors living in Knights Village can get a 6-meal plan with $75 in points. The amount of points will be per term and will roll over to the next term.

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Housing Sign-Up

March 14	Tues.	6 p.m.	WBC116	Knights Village Sign-Up
April 4	Tues.	7 p.m.	Neumann Auditorium	Single Rooms & Lottery #1-999
April 5	Wed.	8:30 p.m.		Lottery #1000-1499
April 6	Thu.	8:30 p.m.		Lottery #1500-1999
April 7	Fri.	12-3 p.m.	Residence Life Office	Rooms Below Capacity

Black History Month Fact

Thurgood Marshall:
Marshall (1908-1993) was the first African-American Supreme Court justice. He was one of the lawyers who overthrew the "separate but equal doctrine" in education during Brown v. Board of Education. He was appointed to the court in 1967 where he continued his fight for human rights until he retired in 1991.

Information provided by BSU

Knights want to Know

Q: Did the women's basketball team ever play six-on-six?
A: No, at least not since the women's team was officially established.

Q: Who decided that our school colors should be black and orange?
A: Wartburg's colors were black and orange when the college was still located in Clinton, Iowa, according to Randall Schroeder, information literacy librarian. When it moved here in 1935 a vote was taken to keep the colors the same, ostensibly because there wasn't any money to replace the orange and black football uniforms in the midst of the Great Depression. No one seems to know why the Clinton campus picked orange and black, however. Long story short: Nobody knows.

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Winter Service Trips

Trips leave soon

By LAURA GREVAS
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Students begin leaving Friday for the annual winter break service trips.

More than 100 participants will travel to destinations across the country, including Arizona, California, Kentucky, Maryland and the Hurricane Katrina disaster area. Once there, they will do various service activities including helping with worship activities, working with the homeless and at-risk youth and building homes with Habitat for Humanity.

Students have been planning the trips since late last year and many are ready to put their plans into action.

"The leaders and many of the participants have been so busy preparing [that] I'm sure they are just anxious to get on the road," community partnerships coordinator Dan Kittle said. "They are eager to have a positive impact, bond as a group and be changed through the process."

Kittle said the groups have held weekly meetings in preparation for their ventures. They used this time to get to know each other and the areas and organizations they will work with, as well as to plan out the details of their trips.

One such detail is how to finance the quickly-approaching trips. Sophomore Shantel Leary, who is leading a trip to Phoenix, said her group has done three major fundraisers: a dating auction, a fish-swallowing contest and Krispy Kreme doughnut sales.

"We also have received gazillions of donations from family and friends, without which we wouldn't be able to have our trip paid for right now," she said.

Leary's group raised more than $1,000. While in Phoenix, they will work with Neighborhood Ministries. "Our volunteer efforts will be especially focused on improving the lives of young people who have turned to drugs, gangs and crime," Leary said.

Other fundraising efforts included sales of puppy chow and T-shirts, the fast in the Mensa and the mariachi band that serenaded students for $1 on Valentine's Day.

"I've been very impressed with the organization and effectiveness of the fundraising. Students have put a tremendous amount of work into their fundraising," Kittle said.

As for Leary, Friday can't come soon enough.

"Lately I have been living, breathing and eating my service trip," she said. "Although I am utterly stoked to go to Phoenix and work with my crew, I cannot deny that I am a little bit exhausted. I've been planning this trip since September. It's now March. I'm ready to go to Phoenix, baby."

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First winter career fair Tuesday afternoon

By KACI HANSON
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For those Wartburg students who tend to procrastinate, there's still a chance to plan for the future with the college's first winter career fair. The fair will take place from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday in the Heritage and St. Elizabeth ballrooms in the Saemann Student Center.

Similar to the career fair hosted by Wartburg every fall, the addition to the winter schedule allows for multiple opportunities for internships and the chance for students to highlight themselves to employers. Pathways Career Services recommends that students prepare a resume, research the attending employers, and rehearse a brief sales pitch listing their talents. Derek Solheim, assistant director for Career Services, promotes the advantages for all students to stop by the fair.

"The career fairs are not just for juniors or seniors," Solheim said. "It's also important for freshmen to see what's available down the road."

The challenge of trying to attract recruiters to a smaller college, especially one minutes from the University of Northern Iowa, prevented Wartburg from hosting a winter career fair in the past. For the upcoming career fair, Pathways Career Services invited all organizations with a previous connection to Wartburg or that had shown an interest in Wartburg students.

With the latest tally at 41, a mix of old and new prospective companies will be showcased at the fair, including John Deere, Volt Services, Aspen Athletic, and 1543 AD, a management business from Minnesota. According to Solheim, it's all about matching the liberal arts education and skills with real world training.

"This is a range of opportunities for all majors," Solheim said. "For a school our size, this is an unbelievable amount of employers."

Senior Jeff Carr also encourages other students to attend the fair and check it out.

"I went to the career fair this fall," Carr said. "It was really nice to be able to actually talk to people from some of the companies."

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Counseling Services will offer eating disorder screenings from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday on the third floor of Vogel Library and from 10:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Wednesday in the Student Center. Students can attend to learn about healthy eating and exercise habits and complete a questionnaire to determine whether they have symptoms of an eating disorder. Screenings can also be done online at www.wartburg.edu/counseling. Call Ext. 8596 with questions.

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Tearing down bleachers for Habitat

By NICK PETAROS
Managing Editor

Demolition began on Knights Gymnasium Sunday afternoon, with the scrap wood from the balcony bleachers being collected by numerous student and community volunteers for Habitat for Humanity.

According to Waverly Habitat for Humanity volunteer David Engelbrecht, the effort of using the wood from these bleachers became an interconnected chain involving many different people.

"John Kurtt [former Wartburg athletic director] figured out this lumber was going to waste," Engelbrecht said. "He told me the wood was there and I told Roberts & Dybdahl [truss manufacturers based in Waterloo] the wood was there, and John Wuertz was involved in this from the college end and there's so many people involved."

The wood will be used for trusses to supply a roof system for one house, likely in Heartland Hills, a Waverly Habitat for Humanity development of 23 houses on Walnut Court.

Yesterday, four shifts of students coordinated by senior Kara Trebil with the Volunteer Action Center (VAC), senior Elizabeth Summit from the Tower Agency and junior Erin Yoder, President of Wartburg Habitat for Humanity, spent the day tearing down bleachers along with many other closely related tasks. According to Summit, not all of the work was pleasant.

"As they take [the bleachers] out, there is a bunch of gum and crap on the bottom of them," Summit. "They have to chip all of that away, because during the summer the gum can get really sticky and it's a hassle for the people that are using them."

Summit e-mailed captains of all the athletic teams to see if they and their teammates would be interested in helping out. The volunteers included members of the track, volleyball, football and soccer teams. Junior Tom Parks also gathered volunteers from students going on spring service trips and members of Wartburg's Habitat for Humanity chapter along with Campus Ministry to take part in the bleacher demolition.

In addition to students, professional contractors donated their time and equipment to the cause, cutting the bleachers down to the right size as specified by Roberts & Dybdahl. After the bleachers were cut down to size, they were loaded onto flatbed trucks and placed in a storage unit to be used for Habitat's summer project.

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Sophomore Brian Mullenbach helps Habitat for Humanity unbolt bleachers in Knights Gym Sunday.

Yoder was excited about the turnout and work some other student organizations such as the VAC and Tower Agency have done to make this project possible.

"Things are going really well, and things are working smoothly," Yoder said. "By the end of the week, we'll have a set of rafters. I'm excited."

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Interim pastor hopes to encourage and support

By BETHANY DUNCAN
Guest Writer

Before Pastor Ramona Bouzard left for her Winter Term sabbatical, she made a number of arrangements. One of those arrangements included bringing Wartburg alumna Amy Strydom '97 back to campus.

"Ramona concocted this plan for me to fill in for her while on sabbatical," said Strydom, who is currently serving as Campus Ministry associate at Wartburg. "I know they're big shoes to fill, but she has confidence I'll do just fine."

Amy Strydom

While Strydom, a 1997 Wartburg graduate, isn't officially ordained yet, she is serving in the role of pastor at Wartburg. One of her main focuses has been working with the Worship Arts program to help students better utilize their talents in worship, something she wants students to be able to do even after they leave college.

"I want to help (students) be supportive participants in their congregations, be that here or someplace else after graduation," she said.

Strydom's desire to help students is one of her primary objectives during her time at Wartburg. "I'm here so students have another voice and another confidential place to bear their heart and receive an encouraging word or support," she said.

"Amy brings a lot of gifts to our community," said Pastor Larry Trachte. "She is a sensitive and caring person who will be very approachable for students."

Strydom is no stranger to young adults. While attending Wartburg, she took classes in youth ministry. Before enrolling at Luther Seminary in Minnesota in 2001, Strydom worked as the manager of a bagel store, where the staff she supervised consisted mostly of high school students.

"It made me really, really aware of what it meant to be a Christian in a non-Christian work place," she said.

Strydom spent a lot of time talking with the youth that she supervised about their problems and perceptions. "It opened my eyes. God expects us to behave properly, sometimes just so other people don't get irritated," she said, adding that Pastor Ramona had given her this advice in the past.

Strydom also worked with youth during the six years she spent in camping ministry, working at both Luther Point in Minnesota and the Incarnation Center in Connecticut. While serving as chaplain at the Incarnation Center in the summer of 2002, Strydom realized the influence someone with her title can have on others.

"I take my role and my words very seriously," she explained. "One of the scariest things is taking the word of God to the people and I want to get it right."

The same summer Strydom learned more about her future career, she also met her husband, Mike. They worked together at the Incarnation Center and met during staff training.

"He thought I was a mean (person) who should smile more. I thought he was an annoying flirt who should leave me alone," Strydom recalls with a smile.

The couple was engaged by the end of the summer. A little more than a year later, the couple was married. Pastor Ramona and husband, Dr.. Walter Bouzard, performed the ceremony.

Strydom and her husband, who works at Bremwood Lutheran Children's Home as a youth specialist, live south of Waverly. Strydom will graduate in May and is finishing classes at Luther Seminary online and through independent study.

No matter where Strydom ends up being called after graduation, her mission will remain the same. "I want people to hear the good news and know that God's going all the way for us," Strydom said. "Wherever I go, Jesus is part of the service and people will be listening to the Good News."

"She has a deep love of her Lord [and] of worship, liturgy, dance and the arts," Trachte noted, "She brings a great deal of vitality and enthusiasm to our Wartburg community."

Strydom, while slightly nervous about returning to her alma mater, believes her personality enhances her ability to reach out to students.

"I'm at least five times weirder than you think I am, but I'm also very authentic about who I am," she said. "I believe I offer that same freedom to everyone else. I want people to be who they are. In that respect, Ramona and I are really similar."

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the DORK side

By NATHAN COUNTRYMAN

Well, the Olympics just finished, and I'd have to say that while the U.S. placed second overall, many people in this country placed dead last in my book. I mean, this is a sporting event that only comes around every four years, and what show beats it out in the ratings? The overrated, under-talented hacks that comprise the "reality" show "American Idol," that's what. With the option of a world-wide competition between the greatest athletes each country has to offer, the American public would rather watch the show comprised of people vying for a spot at a mediocre career. I mean, how many people in our population can say they are an Olympic medalist, compared to those who have at least auditioned for American Idol? There's something disproportionate about that, in my opinion.

If it's for the stories of these fateful contestants, look to the Olympics as well. A lot of the perseverance these athletes go through is far more earth-shattering than the woes of a single person on Idol. Also, the name American Idol suggests we are building up a falsity of sorts, as the word idol has two distinctly different connotations and neither description fits what these singers are. Quite frankly, I'm going to say the word idol better suits those who achieve gold medal ranks in the Olympics.

Remember when there used to be good scripted shows on TV? That time seems to be dragging further and further away each day. I can now name only a select few scripted shows I watch each week, spaced across different channels (and a good portion are repeats). More and more, TV is turning to "reality" shows to fill the void, and as long as the public keeps tuning in, the process will inevitably continue on.

Sure, shows like "Lost" and "24" will continue for a while in limited numbers, but when it comes to the cost of production, we all know which is cheaper to make. Until this reality craze dies down and people realize that scripted TV's far-out plots and outlandish antics are a form of catharsis more than reality television, I'll keep tuning into smart comedies like "Scrubs" or brilliant dramas like "Battlestar Galactica."

Almost a month ago, WB and UPN talked about merging their companies into CW, taking the prime time networks down to five. According to the Feb. 23 USA Today, that number will be back up to six next year, when Fox releases a new network geared to a younger audience, known as My Network. This will give Fox an unequal share in the number of voices coming over broadcast networks. While it is yet to be seen how this will affect the general public, having one company running two separate networks offered across the broadcast channels cannot be a good idea. Am I the only one who feels this way?

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ED majors learn through teaching

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Many students complete internships before graduation. Some students do so because it is required, some want to better their chances in the job market and some want more experience in a learning environment. For student teachers, half of their final year is filled with a required internship—student teaching. They spend an entire semester in the classroom planning lessons and working with students to prepare them for the future.

This is a very demanding and rewarding time for most student teachers. Senior Eric Hanson taught in Waverly during the first part of this semester before moving to a middle school in Waterloo for the second half of the semester.

"I was really nervous, but after the first hour I was fine, once I actually had kids in the room," Hanson said.

Student teachers often have longer semesters than other students on campus. They begin when the schools where they are placed begin, have vacation when they do and finish when they end. Usually, this means students teachers have longer semesters and different vacation times than everybody else.

Student teachers also miss out on campus events and spending time with friends during their student teaching experiences.

"It takes up a lot of time. It's hard being away from everybody, being away from everything, being out of the loop here at Wartburg," Hanson said.

However, despite missing most of his final semester on campus, Hanson sees his student teaching as a rewarding experience that he thoroughly enjoys.

"It's really shown me what goes into teaching. It's so different actually being in there and doing it," Hanson said.

Seniors Alyssa Benveniste and Erica Haugen agree. Both are elementary education majors student teaching this semester. Neither has run into many problems other than getting students to cooperate and other normal concerns. They feel Wartburg prepares them to deal with setbacks and equips them with the skills necessary to stay calm and solve problems on their own.

Although Benveniste and Haugen want to teach lower grades, their first placements were in fifth and fourth grade classrooms. Elementary education majors are placed in an upper and lower grade level. This has turned out to be beneficial.

"I think it has helped. It helps me get a feel for an older grade," Benveniste said.

This strategy is used to help students in case they substitute teach at a different grade level or later decide to change their focus to a different grade level.

Photo courtesy of Erica Haugen

Senior student teacher Erica Haugen with the elementary school class she taught this semester.

The education department feels student teaching is one of the most important parts of the curriculum and really allows the students to grow professionally.

"Preparing students to teach is really important business. You literally have the chance to impact thousands of people in your teaching career," education professor Kevin Fiene said.

The student teaching experience is one of the first chances education majors get to have that impact, but many do not feel at home in the teacher's chair right away.

"I still feel like I'm a student. They call me Mr. Hanson, but deep down I can tell they're a little more laid back with me," Hanson said.

This doesn't bother him though and hasn't diminished his desire to teach.

"It's what I've always wanted to do; there was never really a doubt," Hanson said.

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Radio Repeats

Stop Playing That!

By ALAN SIMMER
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Every time you jump in your car, there it is. When your alarm goes off in the morning, you hear it. It plays while you're in the shower. It's the song on the radio that just won't go away, no matter how overplayed it gets. Radio stations take note: Here's a list of five songs to stop playing and five others to spin a little more.

Hoobastank – The Reason

This song was as high as No. 2 on The Billboard Hot 100 chart — in the summer of 2004. This song was everywhere until it seemed to completely disappear. Recently, however, it has been back in rotation. DJs, listen up: This song fell, and it fell hard. Perhaps it's just haunting me, but this song needs to stay dead on pop stations and go back to where it came from — the Billboard Top 40 Adult chart.

Green Day – Wake Me Up When September Ends

I won't argue about whether or not Green Day sold out with its effort on "American Idiot," but this is a smooth song with a somewhat poignant message. However, it's time for it to go. News flash: September ended a long time ago. It's not October or even 2005 anymore. Let's put this song out to pasture before it ends up torturing our collective consciousness any longer than it has.

Gavin DeGraw – I Don't Want To Be

This song, released in 2004, was never really that popular. Why, then, is it every fifth song on the radio? Once again, clocking in at No. 1 on the Top 40 Adult chart is not a sign that a song needs more play — it's on "Kidz Bop 8," for Pete's sake.

Pussycat Dolls – Don't Cha

I'll admit I liked this song when it first came out, and I will listen to it when nothing else is on, but it's time to be done with it. The lyrics are almost laughably bad, but I think the fact that the Pussycat Dolls know that is the saving grace of the song. At any rate, both versions of this song—the version with the rapper stuck in where nothing else exciting was happening and the better version without—need to disappear from the airwaves.

Nickelback – Photograph

I'll be honest—I can't stand Nickelback. I jab at the radio buttons anytime I hear Chad Kroeger's grating voice, desperate to change to the station. Personal dislike aside, "Photograph" has had its run, peaking at No. 2 on the Billboard charts last year.

For my sanity, and for the general health of the music industry, it's time to move on and let some other artist have that big chunk of airtime Nickelback currently occupies.

Kanye West featuring Adam Levine – Heard 'Em Say

This song, which Levine and West both helped pen, is light and playful but has gotten lost amidst the easy flow and continued success of West's previous single "Gold Digger." It's time for this tune to push its way into the limelight it deserves.

Reliant K – Who I Am Hates Who I've Been

Reliant K is actually a Christian rock band, but this song is so mainstream it's hard to tell that just by listening. The single has a religious undertone if you care to look for one—if not, it's just a pretty good song you can rock out to while you drive.

James Blunt – Goodbye My Lover

Anything this guy wants to try singing is worth a listen. His voice is definitely unique, but it's perfect for the type of soulful ballads he croons on his freshman effort, "Back to Bedlam." "You're Beautiful" is exactly as the name implies, and "Goodbye My Lover" will make you long for your ex, even if your former flame did cheat on you with your best friend.

Eminem featuring Nate Dogg – Shake That

Don't expect deep lyrics with profound meaning underneath the grimy veneer of this song—there aren't any. This song is bad, but it's so bad it's good. If you're looking for a song with a lot of bass to dance to, this new single from Eminem's "farewell" album will do the trick in a heartbeat. It's good to have a little variety, at any rate, and you can't help but admit that "And I get more a** than a toilet seat" is a tiny bit clever.

INXS – Pretty Vegas

This song has a good beat to it and has fun at Las Vegas' expense. What's not to love? The guitar and drums definitely push this song more than the vocals do, but there's not anything wrong with that. It's definitely worth a spin.

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Rock artist plans stop at UNI

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Solo artist Ben Folds will be performing at the University of Northern Iowa's West Gym Tuesday, March 8, during his Midwest tour.

Folds is known as the frontman of his former band Ben Folds Five from the early 1990s. After the band broke up in 2000, Folds pursued a solo career and by 2006 had released four solo albums.

The sound of Ben Folds is often described as piano rock because of the prominent piano sound in his music. Sir Elton John and Joe Jackson can be noted as strong influences in Folds' sound. Folds writes all his own music, lyrics and instrumentation combining remarkable piano skills and clever lyrics.

Popular groups, such as Keane and Cold Play, and solo artists Matt Hales (Aqualung) and Rufus Wainwright are comparable to the sound of Ben Folds.

Folds' tours are known for having the audience become involved by "playing" some instruments during concerts. And although he is always releasing new music into the world, he rarely leaves out hit songs such as "Army" and "One Angry Dwarf and 200 Solemn Faces."

Ben Folds will be touring the Midwest over Winter Break, making stops in West Des Moines, Madison, Wis. and Milwaukee, Wis. See Ben Folds' official web site www.benfolds.com or the Ticketmaster online www.ticketmaster.com for information on each Ben Folds concert.

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Fighting poverty with a mouse

By NATHAN COUNTRYMAN
Staff Writer

Start clicking, Wartburg. That's the message from the Volunteer Action Center (VAC) and EARTH as they participate in this year's Oxfam America Collegiate Click Drive, which started Feb. 13 and lasts until March 31. Participants access a Web site, make a few clicks and the drive's sponsors pledge microloan funds for the unfortunate.

"It is always important to help someone in need when you can," VAC spokesperson senior Kara Trebil said. "This is just an extremely easy way to do that. It takes less than a minute to donate 50 cents to people who have nothing. That may not seem like much, but to the people it is helping it is food for another day."

This is the second year Wartburg is participating in the event and hopes to raise a total of $1,500, which is the equivalent of 100 computers clicking for 30 days. The site only registers the first click from users, so even though subsequent clicks still count to raise money for the cause, the gosl for Wartburg is to reach $750. Participants are still encouraged to click twice, even though that the results page only counts their first click. As of Friday afternoon, Wartburg has raised about $186.

Besides advertising on the page, the Center for Community Engagement in the Library has a thermometer poster to track how close the college is to its goal.

"This is something easy we all can do," EARTH president, junior Brianna Zeigler said. "It's not a huge deal, and it makes a difference just by clicking once. You can do it while you're doing your homework. It's an easy way to help others out."

The click-drive is open to colleges across the United States and, in the past, has helped to raise more than $100,000 in funds to support those in poverty. Other schools in Iowa, including Buena Vista, have participated in the event in the past. This year is no different. The University of Iowa has already joined in the click-drive, and Trebil predicts other schools from across the state will start as the drive gets further under way.

According to PovertyFighters.org, its organization is "a vital, growing, online community of kids, adults, families and companies giving poor families the chance they need to work out of poverty" by offering microcredit, which gives "poor people a hand up, not a handout" by loaning them money to start businesses to work their way out of poverty.

"This is one thing that absolutely anyone at Wartburg or anyone who supports Wartburg can get involved in with very little effort," Trebil said. Trebil encourages students to continue clicking, especially during break if they can.

Community members can also participate by visiting the Web site and selecting Wartburg College from a list of participating schools before clicking to donate.

visit www.PovertyFighters.org for more information on the Oxfam Collegiate Click-Drive or to participate in the event.

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Visit www.PovertyFighters.org to participate in the click drive.

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Shakespeare meets sci-fi

By LAURA GREVAS
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The Wartburg College Artist Series will end its 2005-06 year with a touch of Shakespeare. The Shenandoah Shakespeare's Blackfriars Stage Company will perform "Return to the Forbidden Planet," a musical by Bob Carlton based on Shakespeare's "The Tempest," at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 14 in Neumann Auditorium.

According to the group's Web site, "Return" is a musical combining science fiction fantasy, Shakespearian dialogue and '50s and '60s rock-and-roll music.

"They try to replicate how it was in Shakespeare's time. They see the audience and they interact with the audience," Myrna Culbertson, Artist Series Director, said.

The group will also perform with the houselights on and have audience members on stage. Students can request an on-stage seat when buying their tickets.

"We just thought it would be fun to have a take off on Shakespeare…You don't get a lot of Shakespeare," Culbertson said.

Ticket prices range from $15 to $26. Admission is free for Wartburg students.

The stage company will also host two workshops, one for Waverly-Shell Rock high school students, and one for Wartburg theatre students. The workshops are closed to the public.

For more information, visit www.shenandoah-shakespeare.com.

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Graduate survey results released

By LAURA GREVAS
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The percentage of 2004-05 academic year graduates surveyed who are currently employed, attending graduate school or doing volunteer work is 97.4 percent, up from 96.3 percent.

"The neat thing about this is that many of the places where students are employed provide future employment or internship opportunities for students who are here now," Derek Solheim, assistant director for career services, said.

Surveys were mailed to students six months after graduation. Of the 370 graduates, 344 responded.

The survey requests information concerning students' current situation, including how they found their job or graduate school and if their current job fulfills their long-term goals. It also asks them to recap the internship experience they had while at Wartburg.

"I'm really pleased with where we are this year," Solheim said.

Of those surveyed, 65 percent are working full time and 5 percent are working part time, which Solheim said could include two part-time jobs. One student is not seeking employment. Twenty-five percent of students surveyed are attending graduate or professional school, up from 19 percent last year.

"I'm interested in seeing the grad school numbers," Solheim said. "As the economy goes down, the percentage of students in grad school increases."

Solheim said the numbers are used to identify businesses that are underutilized and are often also used as demographic information for prospective students.

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Staff award nominees announced

By SNEHA PRADHAN
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Wartburg juniors and seniors can vote for the John O. Chellevold Student Award for Excellence in Teaching and Professional Service Wednesday. All students can vote for the Wartburg College Outstanding Staff Award on the same day.

Students can vote at http://evote.wartburg.edu for the candidates who have been nominated by the student body.

The nomination criteria for the Chellevold award include the faculty's interest or enthusiasm, involvement on campus life and support and encouragement to students. The nominees for the Chellevold award are Kevin Fiene, assistant professor of education; Daniel Walther, associate professor of history; Jeff Stein, assistant professor of communication arts; Cynthia Bane, assistant professor of psychology and Shawn Ellerbroek, assistant professor of biochemistry.

"I would just like to stress the importance of the Chellevold Award," senior Annie Reiher, academic ombudsperson, said. "I know that if there aren't any faculty nominated that [Dean of Faculty] Ferol Menzel is adamant about not giving out the award. She said that we don't have to give out the award, it is important and so if it is to be given out, it should be completely motivated by students."

The nominations were reviewed and finalists were chosen by the academic policies and executive committees of Student Senate based on excellence in teaching and professional service.

The staff award has similar criteria for nominations, such as contribution to the Wartburg community and influence on individual students.

The nominees are Jim Ohmstede, broadcast engineer for Information Technology Services; Pamela Hartzell, housekeeper of Grossmann Hall; Krystal Madlock, director of Student Diversity Programs; Daniel Kittle, Community Partnerships Coordinator and Linda Smith, Campus Visit Coordinator.

"This year we did have to extend the deadline for the awards," Reiher said. "But as of right now we are three weeks ahead of last year. The response has been really good."

The Chellevold award received nominations from nine students and the staff award received nominations from more than 10 students. The winners will speak at the Excellence in Teaching Convocation on April 11.

"I just think it is really important to recognize faculty when they do go above and beyond," Reiher said.

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The Castle singers were selected for the North Central American Choral Directors' Convention in March. They will perform eight jazz songs.

Singers to visit Omaha

By LAURA GREVAS
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The Castle Singers were selected to perform at the North Central American Choral Directors' Convention on March 3 in Omaha, Neb.

The group will perform first in the exhibition, singing eight songs from its jazz-themed program. Each choir gets 25 minutes to perform, including setup.

"This is the equivalent of the finals in sports and is a nice honor for the singers, the music department and Wartburg College," Dr. Jane Andrews, associate professor of music, said.

Castle Singers is one of the 16 choirs selected from hundreds in the six states of the North Central Region and was the only college choir chosen in the state of Iowa, she said.

Andrews submitted a CD with recordings of the Castle Singers to the Iowa Choral Directors' Association. They judged the group as superior and sent it to the North Central American Choral Directors' Association selection panel.

"The CD [contained] selections from the past three years so the panel could know that the group has been consistent in quality and maintains that quality even with changes in personnel," Andrews said.

This year's Castle Singers have been preparing with rehearsals four days a week with additional practices within vocal sections. They have also had critiques given by Wartburg faculty and visiting specialists as well as daily self-critiques.

Freshman Martha Stuckey, a soprano, said that she is scared but excited to attend the convention.

"I try to listen to every note in rehearsal and make it perfect.... The facility that we're singing at is brand new and the acoustics are very cool and it's very professional," she said. "The experience of being professional and being an honored guest will be kind of interesting and new for me."

"I'm really excited. It really makes me feel lucky because it is a regional convention that specializes in music, so obviously we're pretty good if they selected us," junior tenor Tyler Ferrie said.

His favorite song is "Begin the Beguine" by Cole Porter and Greg Gasperse. "It's a really cool arrangement. It's arranged for us, so we're the first to perform it," he said.

Stuckey said she's happy for her professor as well.

"I'm glad that [Andrews] gets to have this experience too because she's so into it," she said. "This is her passion so it's good to see that she has something to show for it."

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Forensics team to present showcase

By ALLISON SCHMIDT
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The Wartburg College Forensics Team will present a showcase at 7 p.m. Saturday, March 18, in Players Theatre. It will feature a selection of performances from the competition season.

"We have [the show] each and every year to demonstrate to anyone that cares to attend just what it is that we do all over the country every weekend," senior Forensics team member Kristy Hall said.

Hall encourages students to attend the show, which will include examples of prose, poetry, dramatic duo and limited preparation events.

"There are a lot of misconceptions about what it is that we do," she said, "so I encourage everyone to come, be entertained and learn a little bit about one of the most successful intercollegiate activities that Wartburg has to offer."

Performances will also highlight the team's success this year.

"Our team has done an amazing job this year in all of our competitions," Hall said. "We have brought home at least individual medals every weekend and many team trophies."

Director of Forensics Dr. Penni Pier is also pleased with the team's accomplishments.

"I think the team performed exceptionally well this year," Pier said. "We have had some great competitive success, and I look forward to the first-years really blossoming next season."

Hall said this year's 10 team members are "incredibly committed."

"The time that goes into our activity is equitable if not greater than the time of most sports teams or other performers," she said, noting this year's schedule consists of 16 tournaments.

According to Hall, the show is also a special opportunity for the families of team members to appreciate the activity.

"While our season will not yet be completed—we will still have nationals left to go—for most of our families it is the closing that we have," Hall said.

With three seniors on the team, Hall said she is "sure there will be lots of memories and tears shared after the show." Despite the graduates, she said "next year will be fantastic."

The show is free and open to the public. Some presentations include adult themes and language not suitable for children.

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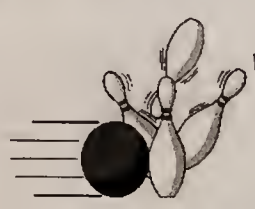

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Beavers play spoiler

NCAA tournament bid denied for second straight season

By AARON HAGEN
Assistant Sports Editor

Winning may not be everything, but in the conference tournament, the stakes are different: lose and go home, win and keep moving. For the Wartburg men's basketball team, its loss Thursday night at home against Buena Vista in the conference tournament semifinals ended the Knights' season.

"They are a far better team than what they were when they first came here, being somewhat of a younger team," head coach Dick Peth said.

Wartburg started the game slow and found itself in an early 9-2 hole. BV increased its lead to 12 points with just under 12 minutes left in the first half. Later in the half, eight consecutive points by senior Nate Schmidt brought the Knights back to within two points, but that is as close as Wartburg would get as they faced a 43-37 deficit at half.

BV started the second half on an 8-0 run to increase the lead to 14 points early on. Refusing to give up, Wartburg went on an 18-5 run midway through the second half to take a 56-55 lead with five-and-a-half minutes left.

Both teams traded baskets back and forth for the next four minutes, and faced a tie at 62-62 with 1:14 left to play. After a free throw by the Beavers, the Knights found themselves down one point with the ball. After a missed shot, Wartburg was forced to foul.

The Beavers made one of two shots, giving Wartburg a chance to tie or win. A last-second shot by Schmidt was off the mark, and Buena Vista defeated the Knights, 64-62.

"I think personally the difference in the game was that we didn't do a great job of carrying out our game play defensively, giving up 43 in the first half really put us in a difficult situation," Peth said. "We had far too many turnovers in a game like that."

Schmidt had career high 30 points and 14 rebounds in the loss. He was 13 of 25 from the floor and four of five from the line. Senior Jason Steege scored nine points and grabbed nine rebounds, while senior Rance Cartmill scored eight points on the night.

"Nate Schmidt, you just don't get a better performance than what he gave us that night," Peth said. "Give our guys credit for locating Nate and getting the ball in his hands."

Defensively, the Knights held BV to just 20 percent from the field in the second half and out-rebounded the Beavers 43-33 for the game.

"We changed defenses at halftime, and absolutely we were happy with what we got in the second half," Peth said. "That's the reason that we went to it, was obviously to take them out of their rhythm they were in offensively, and it worked, give our guys credit."

Wartburg ends its season with a 19-6 record overall. The Knights earned themselves a share of the regular season conference championship with a record of 12-4 in conference play. This year marks the first time in six years that the Knights failed to win 20 games on the season.

Despite being ranked as high as No. 11 earlier this season, late season losses caused Wartburg to be overlooked by the NCAA selection committee.

Buena Vista went on to defeat Coe College 69-66 in the Iowa Conference tournament final held at Coe's Eby Fieldhouse. Coe College also failed to earn an automatic bid into the NCAA Div. III national tournament.

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Senior Nate Schmidt puts up a hook shot. Courtesy of *SPORTS INFORMATION*

Veterans to lead 2006 softball campaign

By ABBY SHOWALTER
Sports Writer

Twelve games + bronzed skin = winter break in Florida. From March 3 to 12, the Wartburg women's softball team will be visiting Kissimmee, Fla. to play in its first games of the 2006 regular season. "Florida is about how much progress we are making and then we go from there for the rest of the season," head coach Kara Kehe said. "It's definitely a softball trip for me."

Jackie Sorensen

The traditional trip to Florida for the softball team also helps with team bonding before conference games start.

"The players learn a lot about each other," Kehe said.

Coach Kehe, a former Wartburg softball standout, led the Knights to a second place finish in the IIAC last season.

The Knights enter the season unranked but are only one spot away from cracking the top 25 in the NFCA preseason poll.

Wartburg returns all but three players from last season including standout pitcher Jackie Sorensen and top batters junior captain Stephanie Howe and sophomores Ashley Steines and Ashley Rogers.

Sorensen enters this season as the top pitcher for the Knights and earned all region and first team all-conference honors for the second year in a row. Last year, Sorensen pitched in every conference game and will be the ace pitcher for Wartburg this year.

Howe ended last season with a batting average of .444 and earned all-region and first-team all-conference honors. She'll be back in action at second base for the 2006 season.

Along with Howe, Steines and Rogers will be contributors in the field and at the plate as both women batted just under .400 last year. Rogers has high hopes for the team coming into the new season.

"We want to win conference and the conference tourney," Rogers said. "Hopefully, we can go onto regionals and the national tournament too. We play in one of the best conferences out there."

"One of the goals I have is to reach our team potential for the year," Kehe said. "Especially in April and May when the Iowa Conference schedule starts."

Kehe is also excited for this season's IIAC rules changes.

"This is the first year for a conference tourney and whoever wins will go on," Kehe said. "Our conference has the potential to be one of the most highly regarded tournaments. Any team that qualifies could do something there."

There are lots of positive emotions heading into the 2006 season.

"I'm excited for the season," Rogers said. "We have a lot of talent and Jackie's pitching will be really important."

"We have several key contributors from our first year players and they'll have important roles during the season," Kehe said. "We're fortunate to have a great group of people coming together, assistant coaches, players, managers and trainers that all play an important part of who we are and what we do."

The Knights opening games will take place Sunday, March 5, through Saturday, March 11, in Kissimmee, Fla.

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Severson expects to remain on campus

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Aside from her struggles, Severson was still considering stepping down at the end of this season.

"I think it's important that [prior] to me going into the hospital, I had thought about getting out of the coaching," Severson said. "For me it was probably more of a lifestyle type of change where you're away from home a lot and away from your family. Going through the depression and the hospitalization really confirmed to me that I needed to make some changes in my life, one of which was to give up coaching."

Severson is the all-time winningest women's basketball coach in Wartburg history. She ends her career with a 335-131 record, including five Iowa Conference titles and nine NCAA Div. III national tournament appearances. She reached the Elite Eight in 2001, 1993 and 1992.

Despite the adversity the team faced this year, players look back with fond memories of Severson.

"For me, playing for her and coaching with her now for 13 years, she's put Wartburg women's basketball where it is," assistant coach Kathy Franken said. "That's a team that year in and year out is in the hunt for a conference title. You won't find a coach that works harder at the game than what Coach Severson has done. I think that hard work has paid off."

"We will miss her, but we're also excited for the future of the program," junior captain Diana Mullins said. "To get another coach like her and to build on the success of the program is a good opportunity for us. She was a good coach and has lots of accomplishments. This is a step she needed to make for herself."

Even though Severson will no longer be roaming the bench, she still hopes to work on campus. She has been associate athletic director for the past decade and may continue in that role.

"Right now, it's kind of open-ended," Severson said. "There's a possibility I might go back into the classroom. I still am overseeing the internships in the department. I think we're still exploring what all my duties will be."

Athletic director Rick Willis sees Severson to still have a role on campus.

"I think [her position] will be connected to the administrative side of things, like she's done before and possibly some other things," Willis said. "But that's really premature to talk about...from her perspective and from the college's. It's something that we are going to continue to work through."

Whatever her role may be, the timetable of her return is still not solidified.

"I'm kind of targeting to try to come back after winter break," Severson said. "It's one of these things where it's day-to-day and see how you're feeling. Right now I am feeling better, so I would like to try to come back, and I'm probably looking at [working] a couple days a week."

Wartburg is currently in the process of finding a new head coach.

"I think as always is the case with these types of situations, we want to try to move as quickly as we can, but at the same time be as thorough as we can," Willis said. "I think it's fair to say Kathy Franken, our assistant, is certainly a candidate and certainly somebody that we're going to want to talk to more about the position."

Franken, who acted as interim head coach in the final eight games of this season, is a leading candidate. She played at Wartburg from 1989 to 1993 and is the program's all-time leading scorer.

"It's kind of a conflicting thing for me," Franken said. "As an alum, and playing basketball [at Wartburg] and being [here] for 13 years now, it's a job that if you had a dream job, that's it. But on the other hand, you're not coaching with coach Severson anymore, and with her stepping down, it's kind of bittersweet."

Despite past struggles, Severson remains optimistic that her battle with depression can be won.

"I would probably tell you a month ago I couldn't have had this conversation, because I wasn't where I am right now," Severson said. "But I'm very comfortable with people knowing that I'm dealing with depression. I'm working for myself to get better and [with] doctors and everything. They really think that it's something that's very easy to take care of and I'm going to be fine."

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Baseball ready for lofty goals

By ABBY SHOWALTER
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Coming off a fourth place finish in the nation and a ninth straight Iowa Conference championship, it's fair to say expectations are high for the Wartburg baseball team.

However, for head coach Joel Holst, goals start in the classroom and then move to the field.

"Obviously, most important is the things that we do in the classroom and making sure we take care of business there so we can perform well on the field," Holst said.

Along with doing well in the classroom, the expectations on the field are also high.

Brian Greiner

Matt Scherbring

"[We want] to get that 10th straight conference championship, and we have our sights set on a national title, so we're thinking pretty highly," senior captain and pitcher Tyler Archer said.

The Knights return a strong nucleus from a team that finished 37-11, including a ninth straight Iowa Conference championship and a trip to the College World Series. This year, the Collegiate Baseball News ranked Wartburg third in its preseason poll. Wooster (Ohio), and Cortland St. (NY) were ranked ahead of the Knights.

"It is probably more of a big bull's-eye type thing for those opponents that we play early," Holst said. "They want to knock a team that's ranked high in the nation off. So that just means that we'll get everybody's best shot."

"It's a great honor, but there's a difference between preseason polls and what it comes down to at the end of the season," Archer said. "We're working more toward becoming a strong team in the long run."

This year, the Knights will have to replace key players, but 10 guys still remain from last year's World Series roster.

"One of the reasons why we've been consistent is that we've replaced very good people for over a 10-year period," Holst said. "Do I worry about replacing guys like a Joel Reynolds, who should have been an All-American last year? Obviously, yes."

One of the strengths for this year's team will be the pitching staff. Wartburg returns three of the four starters from a season ago. Senior Matt Scherbring returns after setting school records for most wins in a season with 12 and most innings pitched with 103.1. Senior Ryan Moorman will once again be a major contributor after going 7-1 with a team-leading 1.85 ERA. Archer is the third starter that returns after winning five games last year.

"Obviously the pitching side of it we're hoping is the strength, especially with the number of innings we have returning," Holst said. "We're hoping that we can pitch and play the same kind of defense that we did last year. The pitching obviously is something where we're hoping the depth is seen pretty early."

On the offensive side of the ball, Wartburg is coming off one of the worst seasons in recent history.

"Last year's team was the worst offensive team we've had in 10 years," Holst said. "That just proves that you win with pitching and defense. We're hoping that the offense can do a better job of taking some of the pressure off the pitching and defense this season."

With seniors Casey Pauli and Brian Greiner returning as captains this year, the offense looks to improve. Pauli hit .314 and drove in 30, while Greiner hit .321 with 16 doubles. Junior Brandon Steinbrecher tied for the team lead with seven home runs and will more than likely start as the designated hitter. Sophomore Kyle Blacker hit .383 last season after moving into a starting position midway through the year.

While there is little doubt the Knights will be favored to win the Iowa Conference again this season, Holst admits it will not be easy. Holst sees Central, Coe, BV, Simpson and Dubuque as the leading contenders.

"I'd say there's quite a few good players returning," Archer said. "Coe is going to be up there. They are going to be pretty strong. I think Central has a pretty good lineup. Obviously we're probably in the front running to win it, so we're just planning on doing whatever we can to get the 10th straight victory."

Wartburg opens the season Wednesday against Hamline in the Metrodome at 5 p.m. The Knights face St. Scholastica at 11:45 a.m. Thursday, once again in the Metrodome. Friday, the team leaves for the Phoenix, Arizona Invite from March 3 to 12.

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Triple threats: Seniors try to become first Wartburg three-time national champions

By RICHARD PODHAJSKY
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Every wrestler's ultimate goal is to win a national championship. Most don't dream of three, however.

But that's exactly what seniors Dustin Hinschberger, who has won two national titles at 141 pounds, and senior Akeem Carter, who has won twice at 197 pounds but switched to 184 pounds this season, are going for at the national championships this weekend in Ewing, N.J.

"Freshman year, I sat down with the coaches and they asked me what my goal was and I said, 'I want to be a national champ,'" Hinschberger said. "Of course my goal my sophomore year when I was on the team was to be a national champion. It just kind of ended up the last two years that I won it. It's been my goal every year to win it and it's just worked out for me that way. But it's pretty cool to be going for my third national title."

Carter's story started a little differently. He planned on playing football but decided to switch to wrestling.

"I went into the football coach's office, coach Willis at the time, and I said, 'I'm not going to do this. I'm not going to play football anymore.' And I looked into his eyes and I said, 'I'm going to wrestle and I'm going to be a national champ.'"

While both wrestlers entered Wartburg with a lot of confidence, their first year included a lot of learning experiences.

"[Watching Wil Kelly win a national championship] gave me motivation to work harder because I knew that was something I wanted to do," Hinschberger said. "Definitely, being behind a national champ was hard to do, but in other aspects I can say it benefited me. It helped bring me to where I am today."

"It was like one of those deals of seniority in the place," Carter said. "And I didn't want to come in here like Superman or something. But I knew I had the potential. It was just that it was hard doing the time. I guess the coaches were watching my wrestling. I know coach Miller was kind of looking at me to see where my head was at at the time."

As the coaches were watching them wrestle, they knew both could be special.

"[Sitting for a semester] helped Akeem tremendously," assistant head coach Dave Malecek said. "It was a disappointment to not even win conference in J.V. his first year. He really struggled with that. I think he thought it was going to be easy. He was so good in high school. But he's come a long way and he's made changes along the way.

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(Top) Senior Akeem Carter is hoping to become the first wrestler ever to win a championship after winning two at a heavier weight. **(Bottom)** Senior Dustin Hinschberger has not lost to a Div. III opponent this season.

"And Dustin came in behind Wil Kelly, a national champ. And the next year, no disrespect to Wil, but [Wil] couldn't beat [Dustin]. Dustin learned a lot behind Wil and now Wil is helping him. It's a unique situation watching a national champ help a national champ."

Even though their weight classes are separated by nearly 50 pounds, they feed off of each other, knowing how important each is to the team.

"When I see Dustin wrestle I see the fire in his eyes," Carter said. "It's like, 'If he's going to do it, then I'm going to do it too. That's how I worked the last two years. It's either get out there in the finals and be nervous or if he already won his then it'd make me look bad if I lose mine."

"[Winning with Akeem] is really special," Hinschberger said. "Two guys on the same team doing it at the same time is pretty crazy. It's going to be something cool if we can both get it done this year together."

Being the only returning national champions, both wrestlers knew they had to be leaders. But, just like on the mat, they have different styles in the Room as well.

"Both guys have two different approaches," Malecek said. "Akeem is more of a vocal leader whereas Dustin leads by action. He doesn't say much, but when he does people listen. He and Akeem are two different people with the same goal."

In order for either wrestler to reach that goal, they both know they have to be ready to go.

"I definitely feel like I need to go out there and set the standard for the team," Hinschberger said. "But along with that, I know there are a lot of other guys who need to go out and do it too. I'm not the only leader on the team. There are about five seniors on the team that can set the standard. So I'm looking forward to it."

"Coming in, [dropping weight] was probably the hardest thing at 184," Carter said. "The next semester, coming in, I had a fro at the time and I cut my hair off. It was time to kick it up another gear. And that's where the coaches saw it in my eyes that I was serious. I'm ready to win another title. That's my goal and that's my objective."

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Running wild: Men, women each take Iowa Conference titles

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Sports Writer

(Above) Junior Lucy Joseph gets out to an early lead in the 55 meter hurdles. Joseph would go on to win the event. (At right) Coaches Marcus Newsom and Steve Johnson watch during one of the races at the IIAC tournament this weekend.

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The men's and women's indoor track and field teams ran away with the team titles this weekend, the seventh straight title for the women and fourth straight for the men. The women's team beat second-place Loras by 127 points, the biggest margin of victory in IIAC history. The men's team also won easily, beating second-place Loras by 43 points.

The women's team jumped out to a 16-point lead after the first event, the 5000m, and never looked back. By the end of the meet, the women had eight event champions and a total of 20 individual all-conference performers.

"The women's team went in focusing on what we needed to do," head coach Marcus Newsom said. "The outcome was definitely impressive, but we went in with the goal of simply performing to the best of our ability."

Highlighting many outstanding performances for the women was junior Bridget Burns, who won the 400m in 58.66. Teammates freshman Akeye Aimable and junior Rachel Brincks, who finished second and third, respectively, followed her, sweeping all-conference honors in the 400.

Burns anchored the first-place 4x200m relay team that broke the conference record with a time of 1:43.95. Other members included Aimable, freshman 200m champion Kelsey Steffens and junior 55m hurdle champion Lucy Joseph. Burns also had a pair of second place finishes, competing in the 200 and the long jump.

Also performing well for the Knights was freshman Nicole Calabrese, competing in her first conference meet. She ran the mile leg of the winning distance medley relay team, which turned in a national provisional time of 12:15.06. Other members included junior Jill Wagaman in the 1200m, sophomore Heidi Porter in the 800m and senior Ashley Williams in the 400m.

"Individually we all had times good enough to win and qualify, we just needed to run those times in the same race," Calabrese said. Calabrese won the mile in 5:10 and was second to Porter in the 800m.

"I wanted to help Heidi push the time to help her qualify, but I realized I was too tired by then," Calabrese said. Porter turned in a time of 2:14.16 in the 800m, securing a spot at the national meet and breaking the conference record previously held by Wartburg standout Missy Buttry.

Junior Steph Arey was another Wartburg runner with a strong performance, winning the 600m in a time of 1:38.09.

For the men's team, it is usually an uphill battle after the first day. Last year, the Knights came back to tie Loras for the title after being down by 32 the first day. This year, however, Wartburg was only down 10 points going into Saturday's competition.

"The men's race has been close over the years and we have always had to come from behind," Newsom said. "This is the first time I can remember we were that close after the first day."

The field events were a large part of Wartburg's success this year, scoring 20 more points than last year.

"The contribution from the field events was huge," Newsom said. "They made a significant impact for day two and for the future of the program."

The Knights continued to turn in big performances, taking the lead after the first running event of day two; the mile scored 16 points to Loras' zero. After that, Wartburg's lead only grew, crowning seven event champions and a total of 14 individual all-conference performers.

Hauser was named IIAC MVP for the second year in a row. He won an individual title in the 200 with a time of 22.36 and the 400m in 49.66. Hauser also placed third in the long jump and was a member of the third place 4x200m relay team.

"I was thrilled to win MVP again," Hauser said. "I was surprised. There were a number of athletes deserving of the award but I was privileged to be on the receiving end."

One of Hauser's competitors for MVP was senior Keith Solverson, who competed in the mile and anchored the distance medley relay, winning both his races in dramatic fashion. In the mile, Solverson passed Bryan George of Central at the line, winning by .03 seconds.

"It got out really slow, so I knew it would come down to a kick," Solverson said. "The race didn't get going until the 800 mark, but it was all out from there to the finish." Solverson ran a time of 4:21.15, running his second 800 in 2:01.

In the medley relay, Solverson ran the anchor 1600, getting the baton six seconds behind Loras' Ben Grant.

"I never panicked," Solverson said. "I knew I had a lot of ground to make up and I just concentrated on reeling him in one lap at a time."

Solverson caught Grant with 400 meters to go, but the race came down to a final kick, with Solverson winning again by hundredths of a second.

Other individual champions for the Knights were juniors Kevin Balster, winning the 5000m in 15:20.56, Patrick Johnson won the 1000m in a time of 2:34.35 and Scott Tjeerdsma won the 600m in 1:22.86.

Saturday, the Knights travel to Ames for the ISU National Qualifier.

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Tennis battles but falls again in Illinois

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After some tough losses to tough opponents, the 2006 Knights men's tennis team found some things to write home about this past Saturday.

Though failing to get its first win of the season, the Knights had success on the singles court.

Against Quincy College, the Knights were lead by junior No. 1 Gerhard Asiedu-Ofei who swiftly defeated his opponent 6-0, 6-2. Finding another win at the No. 2 spot was freshman Tylor Schlader. Schlader was in it for the long run, winning in a super tie-breaker 7-6 (7-2), 5-7, (10-6).

Another strong performance was turned in by Mitch Coffman at No. 3 in another super tie-breaker taking the loss at 6-4, 4-6 (4-10).

Head coach Jim Willis was happy with his top three players.

"I was glad to see us battle it out and pick up wins at one and two," Willis said. "Mitch was very close and hopefully we will see us starting to win those close matches."

Against Monmouth College, the Knights saw success in the very last match of the night. With all of the other matches over, senior Nick Petaros lobbed and sliced his opponent to a thrilling 6-3, 6-4 victory, the only point against the Fighting Scots.

"Petaros played about as good of a mind game against his opponent than his actual tennis," Willis said. "Nick did a great job of exploiting his [opponent's] weakness, which in tennis can sometimes be the difference in the match."

The Knights head south over winter break, taking on Fulton College (Mo.), Principia College (Mo.) and Illinois College starting this weekend.

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